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SUBJECT: PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC AREAS OF OVERSEAS POSTS

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1. WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL ACTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR DEFENSES BUT MUST ADMIT THAT, BECAUSE OF CONFIGURATION OF CONSULATE BUILDING (FORMER COLONIAL RESIDENCE WITH SINGLE FLOOR AND INNUMERABLE DOORS), OUR PUBLIC AREA REMAINS QUITE VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST ATTACK, AND OUR SECURE AREAS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS SO. OUR ACTIONS AND PLANS TO REDUCE THIS VULNERABILITY ARE DETAILED BELOW. THEY WILL REQUIRE MONEY.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTELS, DCM (WHO WAS VISITING POST) AND I CALLED ON EAST JAVA POLICE CHIEF MAJOR GENERAL TJOEK SOEJONO. I ALSO CALLED LATER ON JAPANESE CONSUL TERADA. PURPOSE WAS TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION AND MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL ON SAME WAVE-LENGTH IN REGARD TO SERIOUSNESS OF THREAT. GENERAL SOEJONO ASSURED US HE TOOK PERSONAL INTEREST IN SECURITY OF CONSULATES IN SURABAYA, AND OFFERED TO FURNISH PLAIN-CLOTHES TEAMS FOR CONTINUOUS COVERT SURVEILLANCE IF DESIRED. JAPANESE CONSUL WAS UP-TIGHT ABOUT THREAT AND IN BEST SAMURAI TRADITION OFFERED TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF IN EVENT OF TROUBLE.

3. SINCE THERE IS INTER-DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS ABOUT 60 YARDS FROM CONSULATE, WE DID NOT REQUEST POLICE SURVEILLANCE
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TEAMS AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL DO SO UPON RECEIPT OF ANY THREAT

INDICATIONS. POLICE HAVE

ACTED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO OUR REQUESTS
FOR PROTECTION IN THE PAST.

4. IN REGARD TO PHYSICAL SECURITY, WE HAVE WALLED UP SECOND FRONT ENTRANCE TO BUILDING (WHICH LED TO USIS OFFICES), WALLED UP DOORS TO PO AND POLOFF ROOMS (WHICH FACED ON PUBLIC AREA), REVIEWED INTERNAL DEFENSE PLANS AND ALARM SYSTEM, AND MADE SURE ALL EMPLOYEES ARE FAMILIAR WITH EMERGENCY PROCEDURES. WE ARE CHECKING RADIO NETS ONRS WEEK AND REINVIGORATING OUR "WORKING-LEVEL" LIAISON WITH LOCAL POLICE. WE WILL PROCEED TO WALL UP CORRIDOR AND INSTALL STEEL DOOR BEHIND RECEPTIONIST DESK, AFFORDING MORE PROTECTION TO SECURE AREAS. WE WILL ALSO INSTALL STEEL DOOR AT REAR ENTRANCE TO BUILDING AND STEEL GATE BLOCKING SIDE DRIVE-WAY LEADING TO MAINTENANCE AREAS IN REAR OF BUILDING. WE WILL ALSO ERECT NEW STEEL FENCE IN FRONT OF CONSULATE COMPOUND, ELIMINATING ONE UNMONITORED ENTRANCE GATE. TO DO THIS WE SHALL HAVE TO PAVE GRASSY SECTION OF CONSULATE YARD AND ESTABLISH NEW PARKING AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS. RESULT WILL BE SINGLE ENTRANCE TO COMPOUND, MONITORED BY GATE GUARD.

5. DESPITE THESE CHANGES, OUR PUBLIC AREAS (USIS OFFICES, CONSULAR SECTION AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARY) REMAIN EXTREMELY VULNERABLE, ONLY A FEW FEET FROM FRONT DOOR OF BUILDING. WE WOULD LIKE TO INSTALL BUZZER-OPERATED, BULLETPROOF GLASS/STEEL DOOR AT FRONT ENTRANCE, WITH INTERCOM SYSTEM AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TV. THIS WILL REQUIRE TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM RSO, WITH WHOM I DISCUSSED PROBLEMS DURING VISIT TO JAKARTA LAST WEEK. RSO HAS ORDERED SOME NECESSARY HARDWARE AND WILL VISIT POST IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. IN ADDITION TO CONSULATE, THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER INSTALLATIONS AND RESIDENCES WHERE USG PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS ARE LOCATED, NOTABLY BI-NATIONAL CENTER, DLG (MILITARY ASSISTANCE) RESIDENCES, AND AMERICAN CONSULATE SCHOOL (120 PUPILS). WITH EXCEPTION OF BNC AND MY RESIDENCE, HOWEVER, THESE ARE NOT WELL-KNOWN OR MARKED INSTALLATIONS, AND WE DOUBT THEY WOULD DRAW TERRORIST ATTENTION. WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO IMPROVE THEIR SECURITY, BUT NOT MUCH CAN BE DONE.

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7. FOR JAKARTA: WE ARE SUBMITTING PURCHASE ORDERS THIS WEEK TO COVER NEW FRONT FENCE AND GATE, PAVING OF CONSULATE YARD, STEEL GATE AT SIDE, STEEL DOOR AT REAR OF BUILDING, AND WALL WITH DOOR BEHIND RECEPTIONIST DESK. ALL OFFICERS AND STAFF ARE GIVING THIS PROBLEM TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.
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